

# Maricopa County Animal Care and Control



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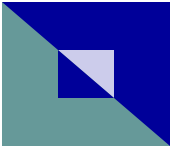


Maricopa County Animal Care and Control's (MCACC) approach to delivering animal care and control services reflects the delicate balance that exists between animal welfare and animal control. We strive to be proactive and offer programs to prevent problems before they occur. Our mission is to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of people and pets in Maricopa County.

It is our vision to reduce the dangers and nuisances caused by irresponsible pet ownership and to protect pets from abuse, neglect and homelessness. We accomplish this through transparency, accountability, professionalism, clarity, safety and by acting with a humane attitude.



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## MCACC Services



### Licensing

Thousands of pets find their way into our Care Centers each year without any form of identification. Unfortunately, without identification, we are unable to reunite them with their families. Purchasing a dog license will ensure that your special friend can be returned home quickly and safely. It's easy to get a dog license and gives you some peace of mind should he become lost. Plus, it's the law— all dogs over the age of three months must have a license and rabies vaccination. Cats aren't required to have a license, but an ID tag and/or microchip are recommended.

### Adoptions

MCACC has many friendly dogs and cats that are eager to find a loving home. Adopting a pet is exciting, but it is also a big decision that requires careful thought and consideration. It is very important that you choose your pet carefully. Your personality and lifestyle should determine which pet would be the best match. There are many things to consider such as, are you ready to make a commitment to a pet for its entire life? Is your home and yard large enough to accommodate a pet? Are you financially prepared for the costs of caring for a pet? Luckily, our Adoption Counselors are available to help you make the best decision. We also recommend that you learn a little about animal care and behavior before bringing home your new pet.



### Rabies Vaccinations

Vaccines are important to the health of your pets. All dogs over the age of three months are required to be vaccinated for rabies. It is recommended to get cats a rabies vaccination as well. The first rabies vaccine is good for one year. Please see a veterinarian for more information about vaccines and your pet's health.

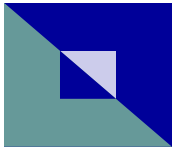
### Spay/Neuter Your Pet

Each year millions of animals are euthanized at shelters across the United States. Most of these animals are happy and would make a great companion – if there were just enough homes. We believe strongly in reducing the pet overpopulation problem and we need your help to do it.

MCACC is dedicated to increasing the adoption rate at Maricopa County shelters and educating the public on their responsibilities as pet owners. Spaying and neutering is high on our list of priorities.

Did you know that spaying and neutering your pet: Helps prevent him from spaying and marking his territory; Keeps her healthier and helps reduce costly medical bills; Eliminates messy heat cycles that can cause inconvenience ;  
- Reduces your cost to purchase a dog license as they are cheaper for spayed/neutered dogs; Ensures that no more unwanted animals are born; Helps prevent behavior problems, including unwanted aggression.

MCACC has two diverse programs designed to meet the needs of Maricopa County residents: The Big Fix No-Cost Spay/Neuter Voucher Program and the Neuter Scooter, our mobile spay/neuter clinic. Visit [www.pets.maricopa.gov](http://www.pets.maricopa.gov) for more information.



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## Special Programs: Uno por Uno

MCACC is taking a proactive approach to safeguard public health and safety and to save the lives of more pets through initiatives like the Uno por Uno program. Uno por Uno (Spanish for one by one) provides direct services to at risk or under-served neighborhoods in Maricopa County. Uno por Uno was started in 2007 and offers free-or low-cost spay/neuter services, rabies vaccination clinics, license clinics and education (about licensing, leash laws, responsible pet ownership) on a frequent and repetitive basis throughout one neighborhood.



Neighborhoods identified are areas with a high number of dogs running loose and a low licensing compliance. They also show a high incidence of bites, and large number of impounded animals. Dogs that come from these areas also tend to have a high euthanasia rate when reaching the shelter.

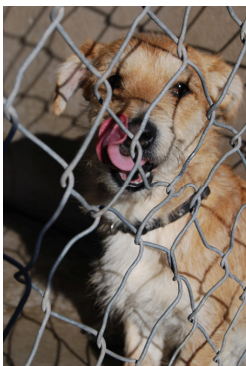
Pet overpopulation is a big problem in Maricopa County. Maricopa County is only the fourth largest county in the United States, but is the second largest municipal animal care and control agency in the country. Last year, MCACC cared for 56,995 dogs and cats in its shelters. More than 26,000 of those animals were adopted out, returned to their owners or transferred to other animal welfare organizations. While MCACC has not euthanized any healthy, adoptable animals since October 2005, they still euthanized more than 30,000 animals last year that were sick, aggressive or had other behavior problems.

For the past two years, Uno por Uno has occurred in one neighborhood each year, for an extended period of time. The new Uno por Uno will be maintained year round, in two week intervals, bringing services to the neediest areas of the County.

## How We are Funded

MCACC is a part of Maricopa County but we receive minimal funding from the County. We are responsible for obtaining the majority of our own funds. MCACC raises the money we need to shelter and save the lives of thousands of animals in several ways – donations, dog licenses, service contracts and certain fees.

**Donations** – Donations allow MCACC to continuously improve our animal welfare programs. They have funded the construction of two spay/neuter clinics and an adoption center, a mobile adoption vehicle and our foster care program for injured and orphaned animals. Whether it's one dollar, a toy, a bag of food, or a major gift, donations go a long way.



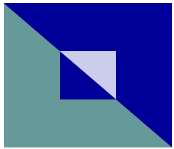
**Dog Licenses** – Dog licenses and vaccinations ensure the safety and welfare of pets. License fees are used to help pay for the care of animals that come into our Centers. For information on how to license your pet, see Licensing.

**Service Contracts** – MCACC contracts with multiple cities and towns in Maricopa County to provide field services. The services include picking up injured and lost dogs, handling dangerous animals and ensuring the overall safety of people and animals in the community. Revenue from these contracts fund the services provided to each city and town. Extra field services such as animal rescue and cruelty investigations are partially funded by donations.

**Fees** – The costs needed to operate our Animal Care Centers comes from certain service fees. Kennel and adoption fees make up most of this revenue.

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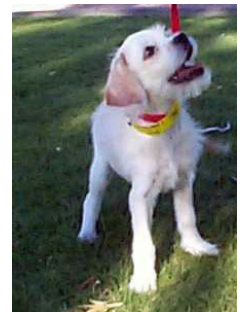
## **Hours and Locations**



**West Valley Animal Care Center**  
2500 S. 27th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85009

**East Valley Animal Care Center**  
2630 W. 8th St.  
Mesa, AZ 85201

**Hours:** Monday – Friday: Adoptions, lost & found: 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
All other services: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday - All services: 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday - All services: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

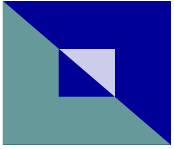


## **What MCACC Can Offer You**

People love to see stories on children and animals! We can help you with one of those. At the same time, it helps to save a life every time an animal comes on one of your programs.

- **Pet of the Week spots with adoptable animals in the studio**
  - **Human interest stories about people and animals**
    - **Stories about special animals**
- **Interesting and timely animal facts and education about animals**
  - **Regular guests and experts for stories regarding animals**
    - **Professional staff for interviews**
- **A regular show regarding animals in our community hosted and written by our experts**
  - **Written articles for web sites and other printed collateral**
- **Scoops on stories about animals rescued, animal bites, strays, adoptions, etc.**
  - **Referrals to other animal organizations, products**





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